

REMARKS

Claims 56-96 are subject to a restriction or election requirement as set forth by the Examiner pursuant to the Office Action of July 1, 2004. Claims 56-67, 71-73, and 75-96 including independent claims 56 and 93 remain in the application.

Claim 68-70 and 74 and have been cancelled.

New Claim 97 has been added to the application.

Claims 56-61, 64, 75-77, 79-80, 82-84, 86-89, and 93-94 have been amended to correct certain typographical errors pursuant to the Response of March 22, 2004.

No new content has been added to the application.

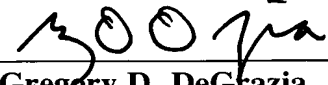
Applicant hereby complies with the Examiner's Office Action and cancels with traverse claims 68-70 as belonging to non-elected Group II, drawn to a programmable controller or sorting module pursuant to Applicant's elections made on August 31, 2004. Applicant hereby reserves the right to prosecute these claims at a later date.

Although it is believed that no fee is due for the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayments regarding this Amendment.

Further and favorable reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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